

OPINION 993

ECHINOCORYS SCUTATA LESKE, 1778 (ECHINOIDEA):
DESIGNATION OF A NEOTYPE UNDER THE
PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the neotype designated by Wind (1959) for the nominal species *Echinocorys scutata* Leske, 1778, is hereby suppressed, and the specimen described and figured by Peake and Melville (1970) is hereby designated to be the neotype of that species.

(2) The generic name *Echinocorys* Leske, 1778 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation by Lambert, 1898, *Echinocorys scutata* Leske, 1778, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1972.

(3) The specific name *scutata* Leske, 1778, as published in the binomen *Echinocorys scutatus* [sic], as defined under the plenary powers in (1) above (type-species of *Echinocorys* Leske, 1778) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2493.

(4) The generic name *Echinocorytes* Leske, 1778 (a junior objective synonym of *Echinocorys* Leske, 1778, through the first reviser action of Peake & Melville, 1970) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2006.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1903)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. N. B. Peake and Mr. R. V. Melville in September 1969. The application was sent to the printer on 18 December 1969 and was published on 5 June 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 55–59. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to two palaeontological serials.

The application was opposed by Dr. C. W. Sabrosky and supported by Mr. C. W. Wright (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 211) and Dr. R. B. Stokes. Mr. Melville's reply to Dr. Sabrosky's criticism was published *ibid.* : 212.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 10 February 1972 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (72)4 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 57. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 10 May 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—thirteen (13), received in the following order: Holthuis, Simpson, Lemche, Vokes, Jaczewski, Mayr, Bonnet, Melville, Tortonese, Brinck, Forest, Binder, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

On Leave of absence—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Alvarado.

Commissioners Kraus and Starobogatov returned late affirmative votes. Commissioner Sabrosky did not vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Echinocorys Leske, 1778, *Addit. J. T. Klein nat. Disp. Echin.* : 111 (175)

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scutata, *Echinocorys*, Leske, 1778, *Addit. J. T. Klein nat. Disp. Echin.* : 111 (175)

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for *Echinocorys* Leske, 1778 : Lambert, 1898, *Bull. Soc. belg. Géol. Paléont., Hydrol.* (2) 1 : 179.

The following is the original reference for the description of the neotype of *Echinocorys scutata* Leske, 1778 : Peake & Melville, 1970, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 57, 57–58, pl. 2.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72) 4 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 993.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

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